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Policy Probe Of CIA Asked By McCarthy

By the Associated Press

Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, D-Minn., proposed today that a Senate panel look into the Central Intelligence Agency's influence on foreign policy.

"Serious questions about the relationship of the agency to the process of making and directing foreign policy have been raised by the role of the CIA in the Dominican Republic and in Viet Nam," McCarthy said as he introduced a resolution for the inquiry.

McCarthy, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, proposed that a subgroup be authorized to "make a full and complete study of the effects of the operations and activities of the Central Intelligence Agency upon the forein relations of the United States."

McCarthy, in a statement, said that Congress never has made a formal review of the agency's activities.

All past efforts to set up formal congressional supervision of the agency have failed.

Information on the CIA is so closely guarded that its payroll and operating funds are hidden in other annual appropriations. Even the names of its employes are classified.

McCarthy said his resolution was not intended to oppose the concept and the necessity of the CIA.

But he added: "There is significant evidence that the CIA not only carries out policy, but in some respects, it has become a positive and significant influence on the policy itself."

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